

CLAIMS

The invention is claimed as follows:

1. A gaming device controlled by a processor, said gaming device comprising:
 - 5 a plurality of reels controlled by the processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;
 - a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels;
 - a plurality of different fixed modifiers, each of said different fixed modifiers associated with a different one of said paylines;
 - 10 a plurality of different winning combinations of symbols adapted to occur on said paylines; and
 - at least one outcome adapted to be provided to a player when one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said
 - 15 winning symbol combination and the modifier associated with the payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.
2. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending
- 20 payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.
3. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein each of the paylines are numbered successively and the value of each of the plurality of
- 25 different fixed modifiers is based on the number of the respective payline.
4. The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the value of the modifiers increase by a predetermined amount for each of the
- 30 successively numbered paylines.

5. The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the value of the modifiers increase sequentially for each of the successively numbered paylines.
- 5 6. The gaming device of Claim 3, wherein the value of the modifiers increase by a predetermined factor for each of the successively numbered paylines.
7. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the number of the
10 paylines is predetermined.
8. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input wager amounts for each of the
15 paylines in a successive order of the paylines.
9. The gaming device of Claim 8, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines modified by the modifiers respectively associated with said
20 paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective paylines.
10. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is
25 operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines.
11. The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is
30 operable to enable a player to input a same wager amount for all of the paylines.

12. The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the modifier associated said the payline.

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13. A gaming device controlled by a processor, said gaming device comprising:

a plurality of reels controlled by the processor, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols;

10 a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels;

a plurality of different fixed multipliers, each of said different fixed multipliers associated with a different one of said paylines;

a plurality of different winning combinations of symbols adapted to occur on each of the paylines; and

15 at least one outcome adapted to be provided to a player when one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination multiplied by the multiplier associated with the payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

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14. The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the paylines include at least one of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

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15. The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein each of the paylines are numbered successively and the value of each of the plurality of different fixed multipliers is based on the number of the paylines.

30 16. The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the value of the multipliers increase by a predetermined amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

17. The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the value of the multipliers increase sequentially for each of the successively numbered paylines.
- 5 18. The gaming device of Claim 15, wherein the value of the multipliers increase by a predetermined factor for each of the successively numbered paylines.
- 10 19. The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the number of the paylines is predetermined.
- 15 20. The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input wager amounts for each of the paylines in a successive order of the paylines.
- 20 21. The gaming device of Claim 20, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines multiplied by the multipliers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said paylines.
- 25 22. The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for a plurality of the paylines.
- 30 23. The gaming device of Claim 13, which includes at least one input device controlled by the processor, wherein the input device is operable to enable the player to input a same wager amount for all of the paylines.

24. The gaming device of Claim 13, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning symbol combination modified by the multiplier associated with said payline.

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25. A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

(a) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines to a player, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols,
10 wherein said paylines are associated with said reels and wherein a different fixed modifier is associated with each of said paylines;

(b) activating the reels;

(c) determining whether any one of a plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines; and

15 (d) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with said winning symbol combination and the modifier associated with said payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

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26. The method of Claim 25, which includes having the paylines successively numbered and setting the value for each of the plurality of different fixed modifiers based on the successively numbered paylines.

25 27. The method of Claim 26, which includes having increased values of the modifiers for each of the successively numbered paylines.

28. The method of Claim 26, which includes having sequentially increased values of the modifiers for each of the successively
30 numbered paylines.

29. The method of Claim 26, which includes enabling the player to sequentially input a wager amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

30. The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of the paylines in a successive order.
31. The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines.
32. The method of Claim 25, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for all of the paylines.
33. The method of Claim 25, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines modified by the modifiers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective paylines.
34. The method of Claim 25, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning combination modified by the modifier associated with said payline.
35. The method of Claim 25, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.
36. The method of Claim 35, wherein the data network is an internet.
37. The method of Claim 25, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (e) are stored in a memory device.

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38. A method for operating a gaming device, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying a plurality of reels and a plurality of different paylines to a player, each of said reels including a plurality of symbols,
5 wherein said paylines are associated with said reels and wherein a different fixed multiplier is associated with each of said paylines;
- (b) providing a plurality of different winning symbol combinations adapted to occur on each of the paylines;
- (c) activating the reels;
- 10 (d) determining whether any one of said plurality of different winning symbol combinations occurred on any of the paylines; and
- (e) providing an outcome to the player when at least one of the winning symbol combinations occurs on one of the paylines, wherein the outcome is based on an award associated with the winning
15 symbol combination multiplied by the multiplier associated with said payline on which said winning symbol combination occurred.

39. The method of Claim 38, which includes having the paylines successively numbered and setting a value for each of the plurality of
20 different fixed multipliers based on the successively numbered paylines.

40. The method of Claim 39, which includes having increased values of the multipliers for each of the successively numbered
25 paylines.

41. The method of Claim 39, which includes having sequentially increased values of the multipliers for each of the successively numbered paylines.
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42. The method of Claim 39, which includes enabling the player to sequentially input a wager amount for each of the successively numbered paylines.

43. The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to a input wager amount for each of the paylines in a successive order.
44. The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to
5 input a wager amount for each of a plurality of the paylines.
45. The method of Claim 38, which includes enabling the player to input a wager amount for all of the paylines.
- 10 46. The method of Claim 38, wherein the outcome includes any awards associated with winning symbol combinations occurring on the paylines modified by the multipliers respectively associated with said paylines and multiplied by the wager amount inputted by the player for said respective paylines.
- 15 47. The method of Claim 38, wherein the outcome includes for each payline on which a winning combination occurs the award associated with said winning combination multiplied by the multiplier associated with said payline
- 20 48. The method of Claim 38, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.
49. The method of Claim 48, wherein the data network is an internet.
- 25 50. The method of Claim 38, wherein computer instructions for implementing steps (a) to (e) are stored in a memory device